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Politicians Come and Go

FRED RHODES CARRIES ON AS USUAL

The drudge who does the vital, but monotonous, tasks of daily life is taken for granted and elicits little attention, but the flash in the pan startles everybody. This is a natural phenomenon.

One soon gets tired of repetitions, but the tireless drudge who stays with the task, day-in and day-out, year-in and year-out, really keeps the works agoing.

There are thousands, yea millions, of "little people" who put in their days attending to the tedious things of existence. A woman's work is never done, as the saying goes, for no sooner has she put things aright, then home come the children, husband and guests and she has to do it all over again.

In public life the great battle is over who shall direct this or that department of government and as soon as the election is decided, the new head is utterly lost and helpless. Who comes to his rescue and teaches him the ropes? The drudge. The man and woman who holds over from one election to another, who seldom if ever makes the inside columns of the newspaper, and almost never the front page. The drudge. What a horrid sounding name! But it certainly describes correctly the tenacious effort by which a human being must subdue its own longing for variety, for new creation, for better things, and for the sake of serving the needs and comfort of others, go through the same motions a million times, over and over again.

Today the forgotten man in public life is the fellow, of either sex, who is just a cog in the machine. In the Post Office they are clerks and carriers, at the city hall and court house we just call them civil service employees. Other workers go on strike to raise their own wages and shorten the hours, to compel improvements in their routine, but the civil service drudge drudges on at the same old stand and seldom gets prompt attention to find his remuneration kept up with the raise in cost of living.

San Diego, in the good old sleepy days, was an overgrown village politically run by the commission form of government. Then the citizens voted a manager form of city charter. Horace Hovey Esselstyn was chosen as first city manager at $10,001 a year salary. He was an acrid smelling flash in the pan. Took office in May, 1932 and was promptly fired in July that same year. Albert V. Goeddel who had been city purchasing agent became acting manager and then was appointed manager at $10,001 a year until May 1933. That was the year of the great depression when every city employee received a 25 per cent cut.

During Goeddel's term, Fred Rhodes, a civil engineer and contractor, was appointed public works director, in charge of streets, sewer and water pipes, garbage, repair shops, etc. His initial salary was $6,500.04 a year and as the general cut came he was reduced to $5,041.60. He took office in Aug. 1932 and has been there steadily up-to-date. A good record for 12 years. He served under six different city managers, some of whom were complete busts and if it had not been for Rhodes, those managers would have been wrecked much sooner.

Following Goeddel's resignation, because the city was going to save money during the great depression, Fred M. Lockwood, then purchasing agent, took over the city managership, since his predecessor, who also had been purchasing agent had done a good job. Loockwood stayed on for over one year at his old salary of $4,800 and because Rhodes' was higher, they reduced Fred to $4,200 to make it look good. The work was done by Rhodes, for Lockwood had his hands full running the purchasing department end, but when Goeddel left his duties were taken over by Lockwood and Rhodes.

George L. Buck followed Lockwood. Buck's salary was $7,500. But he served only from August 1934 to May 1935. His record was awfully sour, if not worse. Not even a flash in the pan. But the city services, the routine work of keeping city streets in repair, garbage, water and sewer operations, and the thousand and one tasks which we all take for granted, continued orderly and unabated under Fred Rhodes who had been raised to $4,680.

When Buck was fired, Lockwood was drafted again, but this time they paid him at the rate of $7,500, but no raise for Rhodes, who naturally had to shoulder most of the work. This went on till Robert W. Flack was hired August 1935 at the princely salary of $15,000. Flack had strong political pull. He was in with some of the leading Democrats and New Dealers and succeeded to hold his salary till May 1939, almost four years, even though he was an awful drunkard. Finally the bubble burst. Fred Rhodes was raised in slow stages from $4,600, to $5,280 per year, doing the real work with Flack cashing in on the credit. But politics are politics. The public loves to be suckers and be charged a high price for it.

When Flack blew up, with front page headliners and a whoopee souse party, Rhodes took over. Being just Fred Rhodes, a home product, no flash in the pan and no Democratic drunkard, naturally his salary was just half of Flack's, $7,500. And he did a good job, combining the duties of manager and public works director for over a year, till October 1940.

The mayor of San Diego, the late Percy Benbough, having moved into the palatial offices of the new Civic Center building had an ambition of seeing San Diego become a real city of industry and commerce, not a jerk water town, and in pursuance of this ambition he dreamed of hiring a high class salesman and engineer to realize it. His selection fell upon Walter Cooper, then rate commissioner with the California Railroad Commission. He made a good choice.

Cooper took over in October 1940 at a salary of $12,000 a year. The Consolidated aircraft company, under Major Reuben Fleet, was just making itself known as a great factor in the aircraft industry. San Diego was yet a small town, but Benbough had a greater vision.

Pearl Harbor came, the Consolidated expanded and expanded and expanded. It became the Consolidated Vultee Aircraft corporation and from a sleepy jerkwater town San Diego found itself hemmed in by army, navy and and marine camps; the hospital facilities of the Navy in Balboa Park doubled and trebbled and the population just rose to twice its figure. It took high class, high pressure salesmanship to keep San Diego on even keel. The municipality and county were losing tax revenues as the federal administration took over thousands of acres of land away from the tax rolls and the housing problem became explosive. Cooper pulled and pushed and made the U. S. treasury disgorge.

It is easy to realize what benefit accrued to San Diego under Cooper, especially since the $17,000,000 Metropolitan aqueduct materialized to be built with federal funds, but did you ever stop to think that if Rhodes had not been keeping the wheels of daily humdrum running smoothly and without a hitch, Cooper would not have been free to devote his time to high class salesmanship!?

And what goes for Rhodes goes for every department in the city. It is the civil service crowd who know the ropes and faithfully do the little tasks, each in his and her humble role, which added together spell good municipal service. Cooper died, Rhodes took over and you would not know that the head of the city service is gone. There is no interruption. Cooper was raised to $16,000 a year and Rhodes to $8,700.

Some day the city will decide to erect a plaque, inscribing the names of Fred Rhodes and of all the faithful employees of civil service who do the real work, for which they receive no front page headlines but without them, where would San Diego be?

SEDITION TRIAL JUDGE'S FUNERAL HELD IN IOWA

WASHINGTON, Ia.,—Three hundred persons attended services in the Methodist church for Chief Justice Edward C. Eicher of the U. S. district court in Washington, D. C. The justice died at his home in Alexandria, Va., on Thursday. United States Marshal Edward C. Roach accompanied the funeral party from the capital.

At the time of his death the justice was presiding over the mass sedition trial.

Compensation— Another advantage about mailing your Christmas gifts early is that it gives the other fellow a chance to reciprocate.

DIES IN CRASH

City Manager Walter W. Cooper, 53, was killed in an airplane crash in the San Fernando valley and Mayor Harley Knox was injured on the face and chest. The officials were rushing back to San Diego from Sacramento to cope with a threatened strike of street car and bus drivers. After the fatal crash, company and union officials said the strike threat, reported to revolve around employment of Negroes, had eased.

Mistrial In Sedition Case

DEFENDANTS WILL BE TRIED AGAIN, U. S. PROSECUTOR ANNOUNCES

WASHINGTON,—A mistrial in the eight-month-old mass sedition case was declared after a poll of the defendants showed that 22 of the 26 would refuse to continue with another judge.

The decision was made necessary by the death of Justice Edward C. Eicher, who had presided over the trial since its opening last spring.

Before entering court Federal Prosecutor O. John Rogge announced that in the case of mistrial he would immediately bring the 26 defendants to trial again under the same indictment, which charges a conspiracy to undermine the morale of the armed forces.

This left the future of the case—the largest sedition trial in the nation's history—with Attorney General Francis Biddle. He can either (1) call off the whole thing, or (2) order an entirely new beginning.

The fact, though, is that the decision remains with FDR. The trial was institued to terrorize critics of Jewish infiltration in the USA. Today Jews are THE Amerians while the old time American is called a Fascist, an America First-Nazi, Isolationist, and only the Internationalist is considered an equal to Jewish "patriotism". Since there is no law under the Constitution that prohibits criticism and protests, as well as exposes of this alien brand of New Deal doctrine, the termites resorted to the fantastic charge of "demoralization of armed forces" cooked up against the "anti-Semites," on the theory that to oppose Jewish dictatorship is tantamount to sedition against the U. S. A.

JUDGE EICHER'S DEATH PREMONITION

On the last day of the court session, at 4:50 p. m. Defense Attorney Ira Chase Koehne, who appeared to be wholly worn out, changed his seat and placed himself into the opposite side of the court room, where he suddenly fell asleep, his chin lying on his coat lapel. Eicher, noticing Koehne with a sudden frightful expression as if he thought, Koehne actually might have died, doubtless seemed to have a premonition of what actually occured to him less than 12 hours later.

Defendant Frank W. Clark and another attorney went to awaken the slumbering aged defense attorney Koehne. Eicher seemed to be somewhat relieved, however, not for very long. His political duty of wearing out and of demoralizing the defendants month after month has left its earmarks on Chief Justice Eicher himself. Eicher, by overruling and ignoring all and every right the innocently accused may have had according to the Constitution, was worn out first.

The sedition trial began on April 17, 1944, and has continued for 119 court days since that time. The cost up to date is between $60,000 and $62,000. The record is now about 18,000 pages and 3,5000,000 words and weighs in the neighborhood of 150 pounds.

Thirty-nine witnesses have testified for the prosecutioin so far and the prosecution's case is still far from complete. Rogge had planned to call about 200 witnesses.

In the seven months-plus that the trial has been running four days a week, with a two-week summer recess, an estimated 500 motions for a mistrial or a directed verdict for the defendants have been made. Seven defense lawyers had been fined a total of $1,220 for misconduct in court; one defendant, 80-year-old Elmer J. Garner, died; two others were severed from the trial for physical incapacity and a fourth for obstreperous court conduct.

Justice Eicher also discharged one lawyer, whom he had twice fined for improper court conduct, and a second defense lawyer "ran away" from the trial and is under charges in New York for dereliction as "an officer of the court."

The picking of the jury took a month after the trial began April 17. As the court convened recently, only half of the twenty-six remaining defendants were present, nine of them because they are already in jail brought to court sessions from the district jail. Many of the absent thirteen have been away voluntarily for long periods, although their lawyers, most of them court-appointed and unpaid, have had to stay on the job.

DOCTORS BAFFLED AS CHILD'S SIGHT BEGINS TO RETURN

CLEVELAND,—Judy Ann Koch, 7, who lost her sight and nearly her life in a vain effort to rescue her dog from the path of an auto, found her vision mysteriously returning.

As the dark-haired girl recognized toys sent from well-wishers over the nation, her parents said physicians had discovered no medical reason for her recovery.

But the parents had their own theory.

"I think," said Mrs. Clyde Koch, "it is because of so many good thoughts and prayers from so many good people."

ACCIDENTIAL BOMBING of BELGRADE REVEALED

ROME,—Flying Fortresses accidentally bombed the center of Belgrade last April 16, killing between 1200 and 2000 civilians, it was revealed officially.

The target of the raid was the Ikarus aircraft factory, three to three and one-half miles from the heart of Belgrade. The group leader was shot down before the Forts reached the target area, and they inaccurately dropped 348 bombs of 500 pounds each over a wide area.

PLAN CONTEMPT MOVE IN GENTILE CO-OP INQUIRY

CHICAGO,— Atty. Gen. Barrett's office anounced plans to ask Judge Joseph A. Graber of Superior court for a ruling to show cause why Eugene R. Flitcraft, president of the Gentile Cooperative association, and John M. Nolen, a director, should not be cited for contempt of court. Flitcraft and associates refused to to turn over books and records in obedience to an order entered by Judge Graber on Nov. 15, on the ground that they might incriminate themselves. The association publishes the Gentile News and is said to be anti-Jewish in character.

PAY FOR U. S. TROOPS ON WESTERN FRONT STOLEN IN ENGLAND

LONDON,—The London Daily Herald said a $210,000 payroll for U. S. troops on the western front had been stolen while in transit in England.

It was the most "hush-hush" crime of its kind in England's history, the Herald said. How and where it occured is a mystery, and nobody will talk about it.

"American military police and G-men have joined in a widespread hunt," the Herald said, adding that the money was in small notes and sealed in tin boxes.

MR. STETTINIUS

The appointment of Edward Stettinius as secretary of state will open many eyes.

He belongs to the House of Morgan, as former partner and the son of a partner. This big business-international banker appointment to direct the foreign policy of the United States is beyond everything else a House of Morgan appointment.—Chicago Tribune.

ABOUT PRIVATE PURSUITS

"The framers of our Constitution wisely judged the less government interferes with private pursuits the better for the general prosperity.

The real duty which makes a good government the most precious of human blessings is to enact and enforce a system of general laws commensurate with, but not exceeding, the objects of its establishment, and to leave every citizen and every interest to reap under its benign protection the rewards of virtue, industry, and prudence."—President Martin Van Buren in 1837.

Dr. Frank B. Fagerburg, L. A. minister—"The purpose of religion is to enable a man to live triumphantly in the face of anything that may happen to him".

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To Our San Diego Subscribers

Time is passing fast and changes are upon us before we realize it. The Broom started out as a San Diego paper and has become a national weekly because we were quick to sense that from our municipality the seat of government was removed to the national capital. There was a time when decisions affecting our lives were made in the court house and city hall, but the termites have changed all that, as well as the constitutional functions of government. No longer are the states sovereign and to gauge our worth one does not consult the timber of men in the city and court house offices but looks to the burocrats who tell us what to do and how much to pay.

With this complete revolution of America's concepts of government we have kept pace. In fact, we are ahead of the parade, being a prophet as well as an editor. Naturally the prophet is not as highly valued in his home town as in the nation at large. And being a prophet, of course, we are being stoned by the professional prophet killers who never missed an opportunity in 5000 years.

Of course you have eyes to see and ears to hear with, so you have not missed the details of these observations. But with this tremendous revolution within half a generation, 15 years have decimated the old timers among us who knew America as a pioneer's country for individual freedom, rights and opportunity. Death is taking a fast and progressive toll of our friends and with them passes more of America's freedom to live life as individuals, free from regimentation.

With the change in the topics and contents in The Broom, from a local, to a national weekly, the circle of readers enlarged itself. That means that our out of city and national circulation is larger than the local. With it our correspondence has taken on gigantic proportions. Also now we have to peruse sources of information from every portion of the country and the globe even, which is a greater labor than keeping tab chiefly on local events and people.

As a result I am not able to make personal calls as frequently as in the past. Realizing the tremendous load on this indefatigable editor you may do your share by looking at the date line of your paper and mail us renewal of your subscription, since we are unable to call and collect as promptly as we used to. Bear in mind that we need the money. The paper came to you promptly, rain or shine, peace or war, jail or bondage. Our spirit is indomitable and not corrupted by fear or high pressure, but it costs us in cash 9 cents to deliver this copy to you for 5 cents. So keep this in mind and may the Spirit of Christmas and the Love for the Christ-child enlighten you for the remainder of your term in this incarnation.

Only the brave deserve to be free!

Still Unexplained

It appears that publication of an article in the Army and Navy Journal, and not pressure from congress, finally has smoked out the army and navy departments with a statement on Pearl Harbor which in effect relieves Adm. Kimmel and Gen. Short from charges of official delinquency and rules out their court-martial. On Nov. 28, the Journal stated flatly that neither of the two officers would be called to report, for the reason that they "probably would beat the rap" if brought to trial. The prediction has been fulfilled by the statements of Secy. Stimson and Secy. Forrestal that the investigation recently discloses no grounds for court martial proceedings.

By a rather strange coincidence both secretaries concede that there were "errors of judgment" on the part of officers both in the field and "in Washington." It is notable that no mention is made of the officers "in Washington" who were guilty of these errors of judgment, although the implication is that they were in the war and navy departments. Both Secy. Stimson and Secy. Forrestal cling to their previous statements that details of the investigative findings connot be made public for "military reasons."

The immediate effect of the official statements, of course, is to remove from congress the controversial question of extending the statute of limitations in order to make court-martial possible. That, in all probability, was the major purpose of both secretaries. Whether it will end controversy remains to be seen. Instead of allaying suspicion that higherups —perhaps much higher up—were culpable in the Pearl Harbor disaster, it is likely to have a contrary effect. A whitewash is neither satisfactory to the accused nor to the public.

So far as Adm. Kimmel and Gen Short are concerned, it does not appear that they have gained anything by the action of Secy. Forrestal and Secy. Stimson. They have insisted all along that they would welcome a court-martial as an opportunity for vindication. Now this opportunity is denied them. At the same time, so long as they remain merely suspended, they are not at liberty to make any adequate defense in the form of public statements.

One feature of the case is rather anomalous The war and navy department investigations were undertaken at the behest of congress. The natural assumption would be that the investigators would report to the body ordering the inquiry. It is evident, although the Army and Navy Journal appears to have had ample sources of information concerning the report and the action which later developed, that congress is not to have access to the findings.

In view of the inconclusive nature of the army and navy department statements, and the fact that full justice to both Adm. Kimmel and Gen. Short is lacking, there would seem to be ample justification for the demand of Sen. Ferguson of Michigan that a real inquiry be instituted by the senate. —S. D. Union.

Without Trial

Capt. A. H. Ramsay is back in the house of commons after being held in prison for four years without trial. He has been locked up in Brixton jail which, by all accounts, bears no resemblance to a luxury hotel. One day the police picked him up and stuck him in the cooler. One day four years later they let him go. He was never told why he was detained. The immunity from arrest that a member of parliament is supposed to enjoy while parliament is sitting didn't protect him. He never faced a judge or jury. He had no day in court. He was put away for an indefinite term because somebody thought that public safety required it.

Capt. Ramsay had retained his seat in parliament because he had been convicted of no offense and merely had been detained.

For all we know to the contrary, Capt. Ramsay deserved to be locked up, but surely, if he did, he should have been formally charged with an offense and given an opportunity to defend himself before a jury, or at least before a military court, if it was that kind of case.

Englishmen boast of their liberties, but the treatment of Capt. Ramsey and scores of others like him raises the question whether the boast has any meaning in the England of this generation. Certainly no such flagrant violations of the rights of free men have been known in the kingdom since the days of George III. Not the least disturbing aspect of the matter is the acceptance of these tyrannies by the British public, with only an occasional protest.

To Americans, the treatment of Capt. Ramsay is another reminder that the phrase, "our democratic allies," bears little relation to the realities. It is nonsense as applied to Russia and China and as applied to England it can't mean that there the people's liberties are protected either by the courts or by representative government, for there has been no general election in the kingdom for nearly ten years.

—Chicago Tribune

The Punishment Fits The Crime

It is reported that when allied military rule is instituted in Germany Leon Henderson will be economic chief of the American section on the supreme allied council in Berlin. The Germans may have thought that they have been planned and regimented to death under Hitler, but they haven't seen anything yet. Wait till Leon gets to work.

There must be many more slightly shopworn burocrats such as he whom the American public will be willing to spare for the task of what is called reconstruction in Germany. Many of the shinning lights among the New Deal planners may feel the urge to make the pilgrimage. If so, they will be given an enthusiastic godspeed.

There has been a good deal of debate as to what punitive measures should be employed to bring home to the German people the enormity of the crimes they have countenanced among their leaders. The solution indicated in dispatching Mr. Henderson and his fellows to Naziland can be considered a burst of pure inspiration. Furthermore, we predict that if the transplanted planners are permitted to work their ways for a sufficient period, we won't have to worry about the Germans starting another war. Why use chains when red tape will do?

It is true that the Constitution forbids cruel and unusual punishments, but after all, they asked for it. We look forward eagerly to the promulgation of regulation 00001-A of the American occupying authorities, dealing with the sorting by size of oak leaves picked up by the peasantry in the Black Forest. Mr. Henderson can be trusted to carry on from there.—Chicago Tribune.

Argentine Aid By British Hit

BREWSTER CHARGES OFFER SUPPLY PLANES TO AIRLINE

WASHINGTON.— Senator Owen Brewster (Republican), Main, charged that Great Britain has offered to supply an Argentine airline with commercial planes for the right to operate British commercial airlines in Argentina.

Brewster said the offer was made while the United States was engaging in diplomatic war with Argentina over aid to Germany. In an article in the current American Magazine, he urged Americans: "Let's not be suckers again, as we were at the end of World War I."

EXTRAORDINARY DEAL

"A most extraordinary deal is on the fire with Argentina," Brewster said, despite a "British-American agreement that neither nation, until the end of the war, will negotiate with other countries for rights to operate commercial airlines therein.

"In spite of the rift between the United States and Argentina," he said, "the British have offered to supply an Argentine airline with commercial planes, before the end of the war, if, in return, Argentina will give British commercial airlines the right to operate in Argentina.

"I presume that American lend-lease gifts will permit the British to release enough of their own planes to supply Argentina."

BRITISH GET RIGHTS

Brewster said also that whereas the United States has been making loans to China without asking for concessions, the British in return for their money, "it is reliably reported, are to receive rights to operate vast airlines in China, between Calcutta and Shanghai, Hong Kong, Chungking and other cities, using, in many cases airports built by us."

The Sedition Trial

The death of Judge Eicher has brought the mass sedition trial in Washington to an abrupt halt. The trial of the 26 defendants has been going on for seven months and, but for this interruption, would have continued for perhaps a dozen more. The prosecution expected to take another five or six months to complete its case, after which the defense was to have its innings.

What will happen next will be determined at a hearing scheduled for Dec. 7, The precedents appear to be conflicting. There is a Circuit Court of Appeals decision holding that due process requires that there be no change on the bench during the course of a criminal trial even if both defense and prosecution waive objection. The government seems to think that it need not start the trial anew against any of the defendants who will accept a new judge.

Judge Eicher's friends will find consolation for his death in the knowledge that it may have spared him an ignominious place in legal history. The trial over which he was presiding was, by its very nature, a monument of injustice, which could have been scarcely less conspicuous if, in the end, he had directed a verdict for the defendants. Before the hearings began it seemed impossible that a fair trial could be given to so many defendants under such an indictment and, as the record has unfolded, these fears have been more than realized. No jury could be expected to keep the role of each of the defendants clearly in mind. No jury could remember with any clarity testimony heard many months before.

These defendants came from various parts of the country and many of them were wholly unacquainted with the majority of their fellows, yet they were charged with a joint conspiracy. Tho most of them have slender means they were obliged to move to Washington and remain there for long months. For many of them, the proceedings have already covered several years, because a substantial number of the present defendants were named in previous indictments on which they never have been brought to trial.

There is not now and there never was any doubt that many or most of the defendants opposed America's entrance into the war; that many of them are anti-Semites; and that all of them oppose the New Deal. No doubt the manner in which these opinions of theirs were expressed in speeches, and in pamphlets, and books was irritating and offensive, but the holding of views is no crime and the advocacy of political opinions can be no crime under the Constitution.

The 26 are charged with the crime of conspiring to injure the morale of soldiers and sailors. The war will have been in progress for three years to a day when the next hearing takes place, on Dec. 7, and there has been in all that time no suggestion of disaffection or mutiny in our forces such, for example, as is to be found in Canada today.

This trial, whether it is resumed or not, will be long remembered as a model of what ought not to take place in the courts and of what, most particularly, ought not to take place in cases involving civil rights. —Chicago Tribune

Why Germany Keeps Fighting

LEON HENDERSON PICKED FOR REICH ECONOMIC TASK

WASHINGTON,—Leon Henderson, economist and former chief of OPA, is scheduled to leave for London next week with an assignment in the American-controlled third of defeated Germany.

With Mr. Henderson will go James A. Perkins, an assistant to Laughlin Currie, acting deputy administrator of the Foreign Economic Administration.

Henderson will serve under the chief of the American occupied section of Germany, who presumably will be Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower.

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Melker's Letters To The Sanhedrim

He was priest of the Synagogue at Bethlehem when Jesus was born, and describes the phenomena that occured there that night, in his own words. This was translated from the Talmuds of Byzant.

Jonathan, son of Heisel, investigates the shepherds and others at Bethlehem in regard to the strange circumstances reported to have occured there, and reports to this court:

Jonathan to the Masters of Israel, servants of the true God: In obedience to your order I met with two men who said they were shepherds and were watching their flocks near Bethlehem. They told me that while attending to their sheep, the night being cold and chilly, some of them had made fires to warm themselves, and some of them had lain down and were asleep; that they were awakened by those that were keeping watch with the question, "What does all this mean? Behold how light it is!" That when they were aroused it was as light as day. But they knew it was not daylight for it was only the third watch. All at once the air seemed to be filled with human voices saying, "Glory, Glory, Glory, to the most High God," and, "Happy art thou, Bethlehem, for God hath fulfilled his promise to the fathers, for in thy chambers is born a King that shall rule in righteousness." Their shoutings would rise up in the heavens, and would then sink down in mellow strains and roll along the foot of the mountains and die away in the most soft and musical manner they had ever heard; then it would begin again high up in the heavens in the very vaults of the sky, and descend in in sweet and melodious strains, so that they could not refrain from shouting and weeping at the same time. The light would seem to burst forth high up in the heavens, and then descended in softer rays and light up the hills and valleys, making everything more visible than the light of the sun though it was not so brilliant, but more clear like the brightest moon.

I asked them how they felt—if they were not afraid; they said at first they were, but after awhile it seemed to calm their spirits, and so fill their hearts with love and tranquillity that they felt more like giving thanks than anything else. They said it was around the whole city and some of the people were almost scared to death. Some said the world was on fire; some said the gods were coming down to destroy them; others said the star had fallen; until Melker, the priest, came out shouting and clapping his hands, seeming to be frantic with joy. The people all came crowding around him, and he told them that it was the sign that God was coming to fulfill his promise made to their father Abraham. He told us that fourteen hundred years before God had appeared to Abraham and told him to put all Israel under bonds—sacred bonds of obedience; and if they would be faithful, he would give them a Saviour to redeem them from sin, and that he would give them eternal life, and that they should hunger no more; that the time of their suffering should cease forever; and that the sign of his coming would be that light would shine from on high, and the angels would announce his coming, and their voices should be heard in the city, and the people should rejoice; and a virgin that was pure should travail in pain and bring forth her first born, and he should rule all flesh by sanctifying it and making it obedient. After Melker had addressed the people in a loud voice, he and all the old Jews went into the synagogue and remained there praising God and giving thanks.

I went to see Melker, who related to me much the same as the shepherds had reported. He told me that he had lived in India, and that his father had been priest at Antioch; that he had studied the sacred scrolls of God all his life, and that he knew that the time had come from the signs given, for God to visit and save the Jews from Roman oppression and from their sins, and as evidence he showed me many quotations on the tripod respecting the matter. He said that next day three strangers from a great distance called on him, and they went in search of this young child; and they found him and his mother in the mouth of a cave, where there was a shed projecting out for the sheltering of sheep; that his mother was married to a man named Joseph, and she related to them the history of her child, saying that an angel had visited her, and told her that she should have a son, and she should call him Jesus, for he should redeem his people from their sins; and he should rule all nations of the earth, and that all nations should call her blessed forever more.

Whether this is true or not remains to be proven in the future. There have been so many imposters in the world, so many babes born under pretended miracles, and all have proven to be a failure, that this one may be false, this woman only wishing to hide her shame or court the favor of the Jews.

I am informed that she will be tried by our law, and, if she can give no better evidence of her virtue than she has given to Melker, she will be stoned according to our law, although as Melker says, there never has been a case before with such apparent divine manifestations as has been seen on this occasion. In the past, in various instances, virgins have pretended to be with child by the Holy Ghost, but at the time of their delivery there was no light from the heavens, and no angels talking among the clouds and declaring that this was the King of the Jews. And as to the truth of these things, the whole of the people of Bethlehem testify to having seen it, and the Roman guard also came out and asked what it meant and they showed by their action that they were very much alarmed. These things, Melker says, are all declared in the Scriptures to be the sign of his coming. Melker is a man of great learning, and well versed in prophecies, and he sends you this letter, referring you to those prophecies: Melker, Priest of the Synagogue of Bethlehem, to the Higher Sanhedrin of the Jews at Jerusalem:

Holy Masters of Israel:—I, your servant, would call your attention to the words of the prophet in regard to the forerunner, and the rise as well as the conductor of a great and mighty nation, wherein should dwell the true principles of righteousness and the conductor of the outward formation of a national domain of God on earth. As evidence of the fact, the vision and affliction that has befallen Zechariah of late is enough to satisfy all men of the coming of the great event; and this babe of Elizabeth is the beginning of better times.

What has occured here in the last few days, as Jonathan will inform you, forever settles the question that the day of our redemption is drawing nigh. The sections of these divisions are three. First, the general survey; the original foundation and destiny of man in his single state; the pro-evangel; the full development of mankind; the promises to the fathers of the covenant people; Judah, the leader tribe. Section second, the Mosaic law and the Mosaic outlook; the prophecy of Baalam. Section third, the anointed of the Lord; the prophetic covenant in the songs of Israel of the anointed one; and the prophets of the past exile, Haggai, Zechariah and Malachi; Malachi's prophecy of the forerunner of the Lord. Now, Noble Masters of Israel, if you will refer to the several sections of the divine word you will not fail to see that all that has been spoken by the prophets in regard to the works of God upon earth has been fulfilled in the last few days in the two events, the birth of the child of Elizabeth and that of Mary of Bethlehem.

Considering the unlimited freedom which some men take with these holy writings of God, as to the above prophecy, subjects us to the severest criticism. It is, however, most satisfactory to see and hear that the divine grandeur and authority of the sacred oracles are in no way dependant on the solution of carnal critics, but rest on an inward light shining everywhere out of the bosom of a profound organic unity and an interconnected relation with a consistent and united teleology, overleaping all the time, the historical present as well as the past, and all the past brought light in these two events that have just transpired. Indeed, the past time is blending with the present horizon, and the works of God in ages past are just beginning to develop themselves at this particular time, and the present scenes are bringing us close on to the ways of God, we should not misappropriate their language. Take, for example, the third section of Isaiah, where he prophecies of the captive Israelites, instead of his consolation to the captive. While one of his words refers to the future condition and the reason therefore, the other is sweet in consolation of the Israelites while in this state of captivity, and full of the blessed promises in the future.

But let the spirit of prophecy bear us on with the prophet into future time, far beyond the kingdoms of this world into a glorious future, regardless of the Roman, Babylonian, or even the Meccabeean rule of rules, but never forgetting that the prophet is one who is divinely inspired, and is called, commissioned, and qualified to declare the will as well as the knowledge of God. Yes, he is a seer. His prophecy is of the nature of a vision, involving and enveloping all the faculties of the soul, and placing the prophet in the attitude to God of being outside the body and independent of it. Yea, far better without the body than with it, for the further the soul gets from the body the more active it becomes. This fact is demonstrated in our dreams. The vivid powers of the soul are much more active in dreams than at any other time, the perception is clearer, and the sensitive faculties are much more alive when asleep than when awake. We see this verified in the man dying. His eye is usually brighter, his mind is clearer, his soul is more free and becomes less selfish as he passes on and nears the eternal state. So is the prophet. He becomes so personal with God that he uses the personalities with seeming presumption, while it is the indwelling power of God's spirit inflating the soul and setting the tongue on fire. So was the moving language of the words to which you have been referred. It seems to me that those men of God saw distinctly the gathering light; they saw the travailing of the virgin; they saw the helpless infant in the sheep trough; they heard the mighty chanting of the heavenly host; they saw the ambition of human nature in the Roman soldiery aiming to destroy the child's life; and they saw in that infant human nature in its fallen and helpless condition; and it appears as if they saw the advance of that infant into perfect manhood. As he becomes the theme of the world, his advancing nature will triumph over all; as he does escape the Roman authority this day, so he will finally triumph over all the world and even death itself shall be destroyed.

(To be concluded)

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PREFERS DEPRESSION TO BLOOD MONEY

VAN WERT, O.,—I wish to reply to Forest Love's letter from Hammond, Ind.

Under the so-called Hoover depression, my husband and I were married, bought and were paying on our home, and were raising three children and were very happy, all this on $19 a week.

Under the Roosevelt New Deal, my husband has been inducted into the navy, separated by thousands of miles from myself and our three children, and even with $120 a month from the government, which doesn't meet the expenses of maintaining a home and raising three children, I was forced to go to work to keep things going.

Give me depression, with my loved ones at home, not war with the blood money in lots of folks' pockets.

MRS. HARDEN, in The Chicago Tribune.

SHAW EXPECTS HITLER TO END UP IN DUBLIN

LONDON,—Terming the present war "a mere bubble in the froth of history," George Bernard Shaw, the Irish playwright, said that Adolph Hitler probably would end up in a vice-regal lodge in Dublin.

In an interview appearing in the Daily Express, Shaw said that the trial of Hitler would not help prevent future wars. "You'd have to try everybody," he asserted. "The Germans are not the only cruel people. Nor are their leaders alone guilty."

YANKS STRAFE REDS THROUGH ERROR

ROME,—American fighter planes swooping over Yugoslavia attacked a Russian column by mistake, headquarters of the Mediterranean Allied air force disclosed. Results of this attack last Nov. 7 on an ally were not revealed.

An official headquarters statement declared the attack was due to an error in target indentification through faulty navigation, and said that apologies had been sent to Moscow and to the commander of the Russian forces involved.

At Montreal a wife went to court asking for a legal separation. She was seventy-nine, her husband eighty-six.

The judge looked her over and asked," How long have you been married?"

"Sixty years," she replied.

Whereupon the justice expressed his surprise. Why should she want a separation after being married so long?

To which she responded, "Enough is enough."

Three or four youngsters in a Dubuque school were telling their teacher about their fathers leaving for military service. One was particularly graphic in his description of the farewell, saying, "We all went to the depot with dad and we cried like everything."

"Oh, Tommy," said the teacher, "you shouldn't have done that. You should have been brave and sent daddy away with a smile, not with the memory of you all standing around the platform crying."

Replied the little fellow defensively," Well he started it."

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SPICES, HERBS FLOURISH IN SAN DIEGO CLIMATE

Immediate commercial production in San Diego county of spices, herbs and seeds which to this time have been raised almost exclusively in the Mediterranian area was announced this week by Lawrence A. Manly, chairman of the San Diego chamber of commerce natural resources committee.

Dalmatian sage, French marjoram, sweet basil and summer savory are among the exotic items which A. W. Vienna of Encinitas plans to produce for a war-restricted market during the coming year, according to the report. Sage alone, which in the past has been native to the mountains of western Jugoslavia, accounts for a large percentage of the several million dollar spice business.

Vienna, who has been experimenting in growing spices and essential oil plants in California for the past ten years, decided a few months ago to locate his business in San Diego county, and enlisted the aid of the natural resources committee in establishing the location for his farm.

The humid climate, adequate rain fall and absence of freezing weather along the coastal region seemed to Mr. Vienna to offer the best suited area for herb growing, and fourteen acres were purchased near Encinitas. The plan to grow non-competitive drugs and herbs in this area has received for many years the attention of Dean Palmer, director of county agriculture, who received Vienna's plans with enthusiam.

Prof. John Lovranich has been growing spices and herbs for years at Lemon Grove, you can buy them at his store 1135 - 7th Ave., San Diego.

ALL SKIDDING ASIDE

Apply brakes on slippery pavement lightly and with a pumping action. If you jam on brakes, they may lock and throw your car into a dangerous skid.

Looking Ahead — Power Resource

By GEORGE S. BENSON
President of Harding College
Searcy, Arkansas

THE POWER for good contained in personal confidence is too big to calculate. How many times have you known insolvent business firms to rise above ruin and fight their way to prosperity because a banker believed *personally* in somebody? More than once I have seen "defeated" ball teams build victory from nothing anybody could see but the hopeful grin of a respected coach.

Nowhere in mortal experience is the power of personal trust so obvious as in a hospital. Patients get better when the doctor comes. Pain seems to lose its edge, fever actually subsides, confusion gives place to calm when the physician enters. It is a positive curative, a definite part of physical treatment. It is a thing too useful and effective to be lightly discarded.

Political Quackery THERE is a concerted movement on foot in political circles to break up this relationship between doctor and patient. It is spoken of as "instituting socialized medicine." By no means have all the details of the plan been worked out, but the early steps have been charted. It adds up to putting all doctors on the government's pay-roll and assigning them their patients.

To Mr. Average Citizen it means that he can't choose his physician. If he gets sick or a member of his family encounters accident or ill health, he must complain to a bureau and accept the doctor picked by the bureaucrat in charge. He probably will be obliged to go somewhere and fill out a blank first. If the case calls for hospital service, he will be so informed and a hospital selected for him.

Impersonal Treatment BOOSTERS for socialized medicine claim it will improve the entire nation's well-being. They say it will make doctors more anxious to keep their communities well. I doubt it. Making doctors salaried government men can't help but make a lot of them lazy and indifferent. It might reasonably cost many lives and it would certainly pile administrative cost to the sky.

Professional services, by their very nature, are personal services. In large part they are confidential. A man who is not at liberty to pick his own confidants is not a free man at all. Doctors admit that they, on the average, might earn more money in fewer hours of work under socialized medicine. Nevertheless doctors oppose it and it is to their moral credit.

Doctors oppose shorter hours at better pay; why? Because in thus helping themselves they would make their patients pay more, suffer more and perhaps die sooner. The physician's work would be no longer personal . . . no longer professional. In their vital and delicate services doctors would have to get along without personal confidence, the most helpful of all medicines.

"Close-ups Of The News"

Upton Close—Sunday, November 12, 1944

Congratulations to the winners on their political triumph.

I shall come back to the Washington scene after a look at the amazing things going on in the Philippines. Now it is a death lock on that little island of Leyte, between large ground forces struggling in the tropical rain and mud. On one side commands MacArthur, humane, dramatic, persistent—once terribly defeated—going back to victory. On the other commands Yamashita, brutally cunning peasant-type Japanese, conqueror of Hongkong and Singapore, who was called in to finish off the force which died on his hands and knees at Bataan.

MacArthur must be putting tens of thousands of men ashore on that little rain-drenched island—for Yamashita to make sure desperate and costly efforts to get reinforcements onto it. Yamashita has chosen to have a show-down there—rather that let us get a foothold in the Philippines. Yasmashita boasts that he will make Leyte a second Bataan. MacArthur knows he will not.

But MacArthur did not intend that tens of thousands of our boys should have to meet equal numbers of suicidal Japanese infantry on the ground. He planned to seize the sparsely garrisoned little island, make it an impregnable base, and keep the war as much as possible in the air and on the sea.

It looked as if that had been accomplished when our navy won such a sea victory over the Japanese navy coming down to cut off the forces landed on Leyte. The Jap navy's losses were so severe that we even boasted of complete control of the narrow island waters of the Philippines, and put down the Jap navy itself as out of the war.

And then, it seems our navy began to have difficulty of supply. We don't know the whole story yet. Our losses were heavy, too—heavier than the usual "cheer" reporter made us realize. And we must have used far more oil and gas than our supply streams were bringing to this battle front—which is three times as far from San Francisco as San Francisco is from New York.

So, on a night of a full moon when our air force must have been low on fuel, Yamashita sent transports with two divisions of equipped men, a reinforcement of 15,000 to 20,000 men, the way Japanese battle divisions are running, across the narrow straits, onto Leyte. Then MacArthur knew that Leyte would be a bloddy ground. But Yamashita was not satisfied. Last night he tried it again—in the dark—no moon this time. But this time our air force caught his transports right in the mouth of the harbor of Ormoc on Leyte, for which they were heading—and sank every one of the four transports, [illegible] six escorting destroyers. Somewhere between eight and twenty-five thousand more Jap soldiers were prevented from getting onto Leyte. Yet Yamashita claims to have fifty thousand men there, and the bloodiest battle of the Asiatic war is joined. That's the biggest news of Armistice Day, 1944.

Further on in Asia, our last fighter bases in China this side of the old Burma Road have been captured by the Japs. But at the same time our B-29 bombers operating under General Lemay from behind the West China line are proving able to do an astonishing amount of damage against Japan proper and Japanese installations along the China coast—in spite of the fact that they really operate from India across the Himalaya mountains and must carry gasoline to their China sub-base for each strike. This is the most amazing long distance air operation in history and has been, I think, the most costly—and yet, we must put it down as our greatest factor of encouragement at the present moment.

To sum up, we are at the moment in Asia when we wait to overcome the temporary but costly blockade on the ground in the Philippines, but more than that, we wait for the building of a statesmanship that supports China and ties in Russia. This is one of those moments in history for holding your breath while we wait for military and diplomatic impasses to break. It will be a happier moment when we can hold our hats in the full rush toward victory in that awful war in Asia.

The natural transition from the Pacific to Washington here is the proposal to come up in the rump Congress when it meets Tuesday for a second extension of the time legally allowable for the court martials of Admiral Kimmel and General Short. This is reaching the point of the ridiculous heaped upon the absurd. In the first place, it is doubtful whether Congress possesses the right to extend the statutory limit under which an accused person can be held awaiting trial, even if the accused gives consent. And in the second place, it is accepted gossip around here that the army and navy investigations now reposing in drawers marked "top secret" find that Admiral Kimmel and General Short are guiltless of any charges for which they could be court-martialed. In the third place, Navy Secretary Forrestal has just casually announced that he is going to study the question of whether or not he will release any of the results of the investigation.

Around Washington here I pick up a feeling that the election that sent Mr. Roosevelt back was the run-off in the real contest which still remains to be settled. That real contest is the question of whether the radicals or the conservatives are to control executive policies and legislation for the next four years.

The New York Herald Tribune had a cartoon yesterday picturing an automobile with President Roosevelt at the wheel, but with the conservative Southern donkey and the Republican elephant in the back seat, leaning forward to do some backseat driving to the astonishment of political actionists and New Dealers in the front seat.

President Roosevelt has promised to keep the automobile of state on the highway marked "capitalist economy." But a good many persons in the front seat with him are going to be sorely disappointed and are going to become actively hostile if he fails to turn sharply left. Every government official here in Washington is today searching his heart and his record for the answer as to what will happen to him if the White House bears one way or the other.

Vice-President Wallace seems to be very prominently in the picture. This is taken by some as indication that the steering wheel is being turned left-ward. Others think that Vice-President Henry is going into a diplomatic career and out of social reform. Secretary Morgenthau has asked for an increase of taxes to absorb spending money. But this is something which is bound to happen whether we go right or whether we go left. There is no clear indication yet of a policy on corporation taxes and other taxes designed to give private initiative and industry a little rope to reach green grass. Mr. George Meaney, secretary-treasurer of the American Federation of Labor, and National War Labor Board official, has lost no time declaring war on the Administration's frozen wage policy and on the "Little Steel formula." Another boxing match already billed in the Washington arena is over more unemployment benefits for war workers than were given in the act passed during the campaign. They say around here that more and longer doles when the factories close has actually been promised.

In any case, the honeymoon of victory is over—the night of delirious joy is past—and the hard and responsible work of cleaning party and national house setting up the new domestic housekeeping confronts the happy couple and their intimates. We now face the most dramatic weeks of this dramatic year, both domestically and internationally.

The President, in his last campaign speech, invited criticism & said he wanted the American people always to watch and make suggestions to their chief executive. **However, some spirit of reprisal exists—a spirit of taking revenge on all opponents and critics by depriving them of public voice. Mr. Ickes has let out a blast against the newspapers. Pressure is being brought on networks and sponsors to eliminate the few voices on the air which dare to be critical at all of those in power. The attempt is being made to sell the idea that opinion, too, should follow the majority vote—even as office holding should.**

Historians and foreign correspondents, of course, know that this is the hinge on which a republican form of government is swung into totalitarianism. In the republic—or what is loosely called by this generation "democracy"—office holding must and properly does follow the majority vote, even if it be a majority of one to five per cent of millions. We all salute the winners and install them heartily and obey all their constitutional orders right loyally. But this republic has been able to survive as a republic and not become a one-party dictatorship because of the principle of freedom of the minority to criticize—in other words because opinion does not follow the majority vote.

You are going to see an effort made to insist that it does—particularly on the air. One network, under pressure itself, now presses the client who buys its time as to whom he may or may not present on that time. But the most deplorable pressure in the Republic of the United States of America is the effort to band together groups of customers to bring pressure on firms which for advertising purposes provide the radio time and sponsor the voices. The program may please 98 per cent of its listeners. But 2 per cent can start a boycott movement and frighten a sales manager.

This is a new thing in American life. Political differences of great heat and sometimes great absurdity, when you look back on them, have been a feature of American life that we are rather proud of. **But never in the past American life, I believe, has a difference in political viewpoint been made a ground for attacking the livelihood and profession and means of existence of a private citizen.**

Let us hope that this spirit of vindictiveness will stop and that it will be staunchly resisted by brave business men until it does stop—otherwise we are on the dangerous path taken by Germany when it came to pass that opinion had to agree with the dominant political faction there. In closing this thought I want to quote something sent me by Stella Crossley Ward of New York City, who is a professional too, and reporter for commercial clients. She says—

"We should remember, in this connection, that Hitler was right when he said that the spoken word is more effective than the written, and that he proved this by making radio one of his powerful instruments in bringing about his dictatorship. So, in these momentous and fearful times, the presumption, ignorance, and time-serving of many voices on the air do seriously concern us, all Americans, and the courage of the intelligent few is of great importance."

Cost of War and Exploitation

Before the war San Diego was a quiet city, heaven on earth, as Joe Dryer so aptly put and advertised it to the world. Even though Joe is a Jew, he never missed his cue but played his role as host of heaven on earth, literally, and in spirit, for, believe it or not, Joe never joined the hate mongers and boycotters. At all times he exhibited the same friendly face and attitude which is the badge of the citizen of heaven on earth.

And in the good old days Harley Knox, the dairy farm cowhand, as we dubbed him in friendly banter, was sent to city hall, to represent his district with such tremendous majority of his neighbor's votes, that after Mayor Benbough's death the city bestowed its highest honor on this cowboy who continued supplying the babies with milk.

But the picture has changed. From a friendly heaven on earth the city of San Diego became a center of war supply activity. It's population doubled over night almost and Benbough's city manager held over. Now Walter Cooper has been buried in Oakland and Harley Knox is laid up in the hospital following an airplane crash, while they were hurrying back to San Diego from Sacramento to forestall, if possible, what purported to be an incipient strike of transit workers here.

Civilians, busy with supplying the sinews of war, do not all see and experience the other side of the picture, the agonies of the crippled and dying. Great publicity is given to heroism, but the pain, the fear, the shattering shock of death and the premotions of a life long misery of crippled existence, maimed in body, embittered in soul and unbalanced in mind, these features of war are not publicised equally during the drives for more war activity and financing.

Vicariously the citizens of San Diego are being treated to the details of the other side of war. Due to the exigencies of tremendous nervous tension, most probably, something had been neglected or overlooked in the airplane that crashed to its doom. Vicariously everybody in San Diego can experience the agonies of our battered and broken Mayor who even in pain manfully cracks jokes, as the boys do who litter the hospital ships and wards at the front or Balboa Park. Nevertheless the price is terrific. One cannot make war and reap paradise, one cannot pluck figs off thistles!

City Manager Walter Cooper was quick to react to the smear of the un-American Tenney committee when we were tainted with the color of Nazism even though we are individualist, first, last and all the time. He ordered us removed from the position of senior air-raid warden at a time when we did good organizational work that was appreciated by our immediate superiors in the service of mercy to help prevent suffering to our neighbors in case of attack. It hurt to see a man in such responsible position let himself be carried away by rabble rousing hysteria. But we survived it.

Walter Cooper was a perfect choice by Benbough for the needs of San Diego, especially during high pressure exigencies of a city that is transformed over night from heaven on earth to highpressure war production. He grasped his job with quick response to the hour's needs and carried the work thru.

One of his phobias were policewomen. He had no use for policewomen & eliminated them in place of increasing their numbers. His chief of Police Clifford Peterson has carried out this destructive policy.

Elsewhere in the nation policewomen demonstrated their value in handling delinquent women and children, from the women's approach to this problem, but in San Diego the policewomen were penalized, persecuted and fired for introducing a cleaner system of handling and preventing delinquencies. With the tremendous load of such cases today one may hope that now progress in the human equation will no longer be penalized and policewomen will take their proper place beside the veteran policemen who protect the peace of the common citizen.

May we all pause, bow our heads, while the Jews may put on their hats, to pray for humility before the Lord. Man has turned the world into a charnel house, but **HIS LAW** rules supreme. There is no escape from the iron rod once we draw the sword.

Our forefathers came to this country to escape persecution and exploitation, but the history of the things they did to the natives is nothing to be proud of. The Quakers were almost alone as actual Christians in their relations with the Indians. And in turn the red men reciprocated except where white men paid a bounty for American scalps as the British did. The Christian love of peace and honest dealings did not bring the Quakers into conflict with divine Law and so they asserted their exemption from warfare and have won immunity. They continue to serve their Lord Jesus Christ in the spirit of love for their fellowmen regardless of race, creed or color.

But the rest of Americans were not as wise as the Quakers. Exploitation was their aim, the Indian was double crossed. Treaties with him were not worth the paper that winessed the signatures. And greed prevailed with its murderous course that spelled doom and slavery. The Southern states seceded and brother killed brother. The black is just as much a human being in the sight of God as is the white. The cruelty and greed of the white man revenged itself in the war between the states and especially in the following 20 years of carpet-bagging. While the South still votes against the dam Yankees, they merely resent the inexorable reaction of the Law that says what you sow, THAT also shall you reap. Jim Crow activities violate the Christian precepts in an avowedly Christian country.

Other pioneers penetrated the wild and wooley West. They exterminated the Indians and the mutual orgies of cruelties were only exceeded by Himmler at Lublin and Lidice and by the old Testament injunction at Numbers 31: 17, 18. The Spaniards before them were equally cruel and sadistic, taking this holy Bible injunction as it reads. These misguided "Christians", conquered the West, Arizona, New Mexico. They multiplied and produced a hardy race. Their children defended Bataan against the onslaught of the ever coming hordes of Jap masses, the cousins of the Mongolian red Indians whom the ancestors of the Bataan defenders had overpowered.

The mills of the gods grind slowly, but they grind exceeding fine.

The old feudal dynasties of Europe and Asia who exploited their people are being eliminated. The down trodden peoples are rising. Capitalist America is financing the mighty onsweep of Stalin's armies to avenge "capitalist" and feudal exploitation of the kings and their allies who are being hailed before people's courts and executed. Fascism disappears, makes way for Stalin. Hitlerism is fighting a hazardous stand in Germany while it gains ground in America thru regimentation and burocracy. Thus the law of force works on inexorably, and while we conquer the world we lose the soul of America, of individual liberty. The carpet-baggers are swarming over our land. Watch the tremendous turnover in land titles. Who is buying up land, industries and warehouses? Syndicates of powerful refugee cartels are insuring themselves against inflation.

As Stalin sweeps on, materializing the prophecy of Leo Tolstoy that the Man from the North, of Mongolian stock, would rule Europe and Asia, we recall the equally ominous tale of a vision by the Father of our own country, who warned us of a coming invasion of our continent.

Thus the pendulum swings and the invaders must expect to be invaded before Peace on Earth, good will toward men for the glory of God in Excelsis, is finally our lot. As we prepare to meet the Christ-child in his crib among the domesticated animals of the earth and renew our prayers for salvation from war, it is timely that we consider the truth of the maxim: **"Man proposes but God disposes."**

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Biddle, Corcoran Et Al, Some Direct Contacts

By THOMAS L. STOKES in The S. D. Union

WASHINGTON,— Congress can discover much about "government among friends" if it explores the operation around Washington for the last four years of Thomas G. Corcoran, ex-new dealer, now a lawyer-lobbyist, who seems to have so many friends in the right spots.

Tommy gets to high places quick, with a flip of the telephone dial.

It astonishes his clients—and gets him more.

It's something to get a cheery response and a prompt conference from such figures as Attorney General Biddle and Secretary of Interior Ickes, to name a couple of big ones, not to speak of some important fellows in key places a little lower down. It makes clients very happy, and it keeps the money rolling in.

Along this line a revealing incident was cited by Norman Littell, now deposed assistant attorney general, who spoke out about Tommy's close relations and influence with Mr. Biddle, the government's chief law officer. It's told best in Mr. Littell's own words:

"I will remember having one appointment in Mr. Biddle's office just before he became attorney general, when a telephone call came to him from Tommy Corcoran. I had waited two or three days to see Mr. Biddle, who was then solicitor general, on a matter of urgent government business, but it was apparent from the conversation that Tommy wanted to see him and Mr. Biddle's remarks were about like this:

" 'Hello, Tommy. No, you don't need to come over here. I'll come there if you wish. You can come here, or I'll come to your apartment, whatever suits your convenience.'

"It was clear that he preferred to have the attorney general go there. My appointment was cut short, and Mr. Biddle departed in about five minutes."

That's service for you!

It gives an idea of a situation familiar in Washington. Tommy moved with the greatest of ease in and out of the attorney general's office, as he did in trying to get a settlement in the Savannah Shipyard Co. case which Mr. Littell told about, and as he did in the Sterling Products, Inc. Cartel case. In the latter, as a matter of fact, he just made his headquarters in Mr. Biddle's office.

There's an amusing incident that happened while he was bustling about in that case, in his breezy, get-done-now manner. Tommy wanted the justice department to get some information from the commerce department, in connection with the case.

He had a letter prepared at the justice department, but Attorney General Biddle was not around to sign it. He was on a vacation, a hundred miles away, at Skyland, in the Blue Ridge mountains of Virginia.

So Tommy induced Thurman Arnold, assistant attorney general, head of the anti-trust division, in charge of the case, to leave a cocktail party and accompany him on a night ride to Skyland, where Mr. Biddle signed the letter. It never was used, but that's just an example of Tommy's dash and the way he moves people in the government around at will.

That incident was known around the department as "the midnight ride of Paul Revere Corcoran."

Then there was a case having to do with Secretary of Interior Ickes, that of H. E. Havenstrite, a California oil man, who came here in the interest of getting a government loan to drill for oil in Alaska. He had already spent a considerable amount of his own money. For days he had been traipsing about the corridors of Washington, but had gotten nowhere. Finally he was told about Tommy Corcoran. An appointment was made with the lawyer-lobbyist for 11 o'clock the next day.

He turned up, explained his business, and Tommy picked up the telephone and called Secretary Ickes. Half an hour after the Californian had walked into Tommy's office, he was in Secretary Ickes' office. It must have dazzled him. Secretary Ickes could do nothing in his department, but at Tommy's suggestion Mr. Ickes called the late Secretary of Navy Knox. At 3 o'clock Mr. Havenstrite was sitting in Mr. Knox's office.

The project fell through, but Tommy had proved what a quick worker he was, and how he could open doors.

A few weeks after the Sterling Products, Inc. case was exposed, Attorney General Biddle was asked one day at a press conference what he thought of Tommy Corcoran's activities, and replied. "I haven't considered any of his activities out of order." Asked if Tommy had "direct contact" with him while the case was pending, he replied:

"Of course he had direct contact with me, as all my friends have direct contact with me."

Jews Can Do No Wrong

"Whom the gods want to destroy they first make mad."

Two world events are facing us at this season. One is Peace on Earth, good will to men; the other is the celebration of the birth of the Savior who showed us the way.

While the whole planet is filled with pandemonium where the Demons of Hate, Rape, Murder and Sadism have sway for a time, the problem confronts us how to abate this crime and criminal condition on the planet. Especially are the mothers of the boys, who have been drafted to give up their lives for battling in this Pandemonium, interested to produce a formula and a means that will not take every generation of their own flesh and blood, their babies they have carried and travailed to bring forth, as a bloody sacrifice to Pandemonium. We have a short and ugly word, for the long winded Greek one, which means the same, plainly: HELL.

Hell, or Pandemonium, or War, or Devil-worship is the exact negation of Peace, Intelligence, Love, Obedience to God. The Romanists have invented a proper term for the function of War in Life's economy. Only they misapply it. They say that AFTER death the soul goes thru purgatory to be purified. They are mistaken. We are in purgatory, with all its hell let loose right now on the face of the earth.

Purgatory is a cleansing process. It means that the fool may indulge his criminal lusts and suffer the consequences. When he tires of it and choses to return to the Love of Christ, then a ray of heaven shines in his heart and on this ray he may travel to his God, who being merciful sees the prodigal acoming from afar and rejoices at his advent HOME.

And this alone is the reason why War is not interfered with by the Divine Hierachy or the white Brotherhood which watches over mortal men. Man is a free agent, he makes his heaven and his hell.

The mothers of the boys drafted for war, on foreign soil, are especially interested to generate that RAY of Christ Love and kindle the spark of forgiveness in the hearts of men that Peace may have a chance on earth. And to that end one must begin to think and weigh. Purgatory can be ended in the twinkling of an eye. When the heart awakens from the folly of sadism and longs for God, Love, Forgiveness and Intelligence, the end of Purgatory has come. Our Father is happy to forgive us, but are we willing to forgive that we may be forgiven?

The Christ-babe is a wee-bit of helpless humanity, but its divine origin and purpose crowns this tiny babe with power.

And so the thought of loving your neighbor and forgiving as you wish to be forgiven is a tiny flash in humanity's mind. Its voice, though, is drowned out by the noise of Pandemonium. Hate rules supreme and hate thunders that the War must go on and dares you to voice the Christ injunction of forgiving as you wish to be forgiven. Timid souls surrender, but the mothers of the boys whose lives are in the balance dare voice and repeat the sweet promises of the Christ-babe, of Good Will to Men on earth, that peace may reign again.

Morgenthau and Henderson, though, voice other thoughts. They are not Christ-followers and don't pretend to be. They follow the Mosaic law of tooth for tooth and eye for an eye. They want the war to go on and they want to destroy Germany after the war to make it impotent. This prevents surrender by the German people.

And so the followers of Moses oppose the followers of Christ. And, as of old, they demand that Christian voices be silenced. They invoke the power of the state again to stiffle the divine promises of the Savior in human hearts and kill the higher intelligence which awakens in Christian minds when they follow the advice of Christ. They insist on the last pound of flesh.

Is it possible to establish peace on earth by following the Mosaic law? Or can peace be established only by following Christ's law of forgiveness as one asks to be forgiven? Are the Jews right or is Jesus right?

Christmas is coming on. All over Christendom bells will peal and cribs will be built in churches and homes with the replica of the Christ-babe; and in full splendor of light every Christian's heart will throb with the hope of an end to war.

But, **confidentially,** mind you, confidentially the Jewish press calls upon its Jewish brethren to conspire and suppress the voice of the United American Mothers who are voicing the Christian in place of the Mosaic law. It is "anti-Semitic" to say that Morgenthau's gospel of hate will not bring peace, now or ever.

OH YOU POOR JEWS! How long will you yet stone the prophets and conspire to kill the voice of the Christ wherever it speaks?!

The following appeared in the Dec. 1, 1944, issue of the B'nai B'rith Messenger, Los Angeles, on the editorial page:

Strictly Confidential

By PHINEAS J. BIRON

LISTEN HERE

Why, Messers.. Attorney General and Postmaster General can't something be done about the "United American Mothers" (With headquarters in Chicago). which still continue to disseminate the vilest sort of anti-Jewish propaganda and that through the mails?

To Justice Dept.

1165 Broadway, New York, N. Y.
Dept. of Justice, War Division,
Room 501, Hutchins Bldg.,
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Sirs:

Your subscription to MONEY expired with the present or Nov. issue. You are advised to renew at once or the paper will stop automatically.

While writing, may I say that in cleaning house some time ago I discovered attached to an old telephone board back of my office desk, a piece of property, which I believe belongs to you,—a dictograph. Not knowing what this rubber dojigger was, I may have injured it in pulling it off the board. If so, I can allow you damages in allowing you a renewal subscription to MONEY. Anyhow send your agent around and pick up the dojigger, or if you prefer attach it again to the board so you can get full service from the property.

In a totalitarian democracy such as we've had of late I feel we need a dictaphone in every family, with a tax eater at each receiving end to balance each tax payer at the talking end. This balance would make jobs for everybody without war. I'm really sorry our leaders didn't think of this simple cure for unemployment long before we were led into war to make jobs for all. It would have saved money as well as blood, sweat and tears.

Sincerely at your service,
JOHN G. SCOTT Publisher of MONEY.

Pearl Harbor Quiz Demanded

EFFORTS TO GAIN HEARING IN 'DOUBLE DREYFUS CASE' TOLD

WASHINGTON, "Despite all further obstacles that may be thrown in our path, we shall continue our efforts to wipe the blot of a double Dreyfus case from America's honor and give the people the true facts of Pearl Harbor."

That statement was made by Senator Homer Ferguson, Michigan Republican, as he relinquished hope for the creation of a Pearl Harbor congressional investigation committee at this session of congress, but promised reintroduction of his resolution for the inquiry as soon as the new Congress convenes in January.

The Senator pointed out that while the War and Navy Departments have reported failure to find sufficient evidence on which to court-martial Major C. Short and Rear Admiral Husban E. Kimmel, the case there has been left open by a promise to search for further information.

"That would justify another extension of limitation beyond its present expiration date, December 7," Senator Ferguson pointed out. "We should continue the time in which the two officers can be tried as long as they are left under a shadow, but personally I believe the reports of the Army and Navy inquiry boards implied in turn that they are the victims of a most horrible injustice."

ARMY-NAVY PAPER 'UGLY' SAYS PRAVDA

LONDON,—The official Communnist party newspaper Pravda, in an article broadcast by the Moscow Radio, denounced the semiofficial American Army-Navy journal as "ugly looking" and accused it of "supplying pro-Hitlerite journalists with material."

The article said John O'Donnell, New York Daily News columnist, had reported that military decisions made at Teheran are not being fulfilled. This, Pravda said, was untrue.

"It appears," said Pravda, "that the source of O'Donnell's inspiration is the American magazine Army & Navy Journal, which states that the strategy worked out at Teheran is not being fulfilled. This journal looks ugly. It is a journal which should, it would seem inspire American soldiers, but which in fact permits itself to make unworthy onslaught against the U. S. S. R. and supply pro-Hitlerite journalists with material."

QUAKER OPPOSES PEACETIME DRAFT

Settlement of post-war problems through "a spirit of friendliness and brotherly love rather than militaristic legislation" was urged by Roy McCorkel, of Philadelphia, head of the peace section of the American Friends Service committee, office of the Institute of International Relations.

Here to address the first San Diego-held meeting of the American Friends Service committee in California, McCorkel left for Philadelphia. He had been on the west coast to rouse opposition to military conscription after the war.

The committee meeting, formerly always held in Los Angeles, was presided over by David Henley, of Whittier, executive secretary for California, and concluded with a dinner and program of reports at the United Presbyterian church, Twenty-second and Market sts.

Although no action was taken, a movement was started to purchase property and a building on grounds at the University of Southern California at Los Angeles for foreign students attending the school.

Williard L. Kennon, pastor of the American Friends church, nineteenth and Market sts., was in charge of arrangements for the two-day Friends session here in San Diego at the request of local Friends, or Quakers.

CLARE LUCE FIRES HOWITZER AT GERMANS

U. S. THIRD ARMY HEADQUARTERS, — Rep. Clare Boothe Luce and chairman Matthew Merritt of the house military committee took a hand in the shooting war. Each of them fired a single round from a 155-mm. howitzer at German-held installations.

The Connecticut congresswoman, wearing something different in war zone fashions, fired the first shot. She pulled the lanyard like a veteran, but the concussion almost straightened her freshly done curls.

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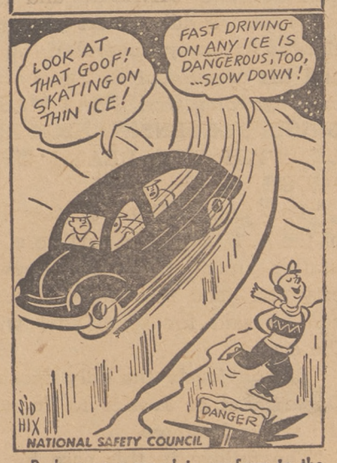
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Federal City

COMMENTS ON TRIAL'S HALT

WASHINGTON, Dec., 4,—Our "Federal City" was shocked by the sudden death of Justice Edward C. Eicher in the early morning hours of November 30th.

He would have had no more than a one-column headline, if it had not been for the questionable fame he had earned as judge of the "mass trial", Moscow style, of 26 persons accused of conspiring to affect the "morale" of the armed forces.

As it was, the Washington "Times-Herald" gave him an eight-column streamer, and the other dailies here also put him on the front page.

The contrasting reactions of various individuals are interesting.

Tributes to his ability and amiable personality were showered upon him by fellow-judges, by Attorney-General Biddle, Prosecutor Rogge and other New Dealers.

Some of the defense attorneys, remembering the Latin saying, "Of the dead, speak no evil," uttered a few platitudes of praise.

Edward James Smythe, ex-pamphleteer of New York, exmember of the Canadian army in World War I, and the defendant whom Eicher rescued from the $10,000 bail which held him in jail for two or three months, showed his gratitude by proclaiming that Eicher was a "great judge and a great American."

Smythe arose in court and asked Justice Proctor if the courtroom might not observe a minute of silence in tribute to the dead man. The Justice thanked Smythe, but said that this was not the occasion for such a tribute.

Some of the defense attorneys were not displeased at Eicher's passing. One attorney said "He has joined Bellzebub in the lower regions, and will doubtless be given the job of chief shoveler at one of the Devil's hottest furnaces."

Another said, "In my many years of practice, I have never seen or read of a judge who was so completely one-sided and biased in his conduct of a criminal trial."

A mistrial is certain to be declared, as a majority of the lawyers are unwilling to continue before a substitute judge, although they like the jury.

Lawyer Thomson said, "Another judge could never read that record."

Lawyer Maximilian St. George of Chicago was willing to continue. He defends Joe McWilliams. "My client is innocent," he said, " and we want and expect an acquittal."

Lawrence Dennis, brilliant author, ex-diplomat and Harvard graduate, regretted the passing of Eicher and the halt to the trial. "All the evidence reveals my husband innocent, and then some," said Mrs. Dennis.

Dennis has been the one man to confuse and confound the German refugee witnesses for the prosecution. He defends himself brilliantly.

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As for the press, the great papers have been shocked by the kind of mass trial and weird court procedure inaugurated in this so-called "sedition" case, in which there was never any actual sedition and no proof of any real conspiracy.

Even Eugene Meyer's paper, "The Washington Post"—most famous of the Capital"s journals—which helped frame the original evidence in 1941-42, had an editorial regarding the passing of Eicher and the halt to, if not the end to the **"notorious mass sedition trial"** (The Post's words).

Said the Post: "It is difficult to believe that the department will cling to its previous technique because of the numerous difficulties which this mass trial ran into.

"The Department of Justice will have to decide whether to begin its case all over again before another judge, to drop the charges or to try the 26 defendants separately."

The Post referred to this as "ONE OF THE STRANGEST CHAPTERS IN OUR JUDICIAL HISTORY."

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The Washington Times-Herald's editor-in chief Frank C. Waldrop, a brilliant writer, headed his article "JINXED," and said:

"Francis Biddle is the champion flop of all time as Attorney General of the Uninted States, and his monument in history will be the so-called sedition trial, THAT MASTERPIECE OF CRUEL NONSENSE WHICH ENDED QUEERLY WITH THE DEATH OF THE TRIAL JUDGE.

"The judge, Chief Justice Edward Eicher, of the U. S. District Court here, had a high reputation among those who knew him for honesty and good intentions, which is more than can be said for some who were hottest for the case.

"But obviously the only decent thing for the Department of Justice to do now is to quash the whole business.

"The failure in this case has nothing to do with whether the people accused are guilty or innocent of the crime laid against them.

"The failure was Francis Biddle's. Here is a quick history of this monumental bust". (Eight "busts" are then recorded). Mr. Waldrop concludes:

"This project was Biddle's bright idea. He okayed the theory that 28 men and two women could be fairly tried together in wartime on such charges as the above quoted.

"And the record clearly indicates that—to put in all the mildest possible words—Biddle didn't know how to handle his problem.

"The trial is jinxed and Biddle is a bust.!"

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The grand old "Chicago Tribune" of Dec. 2 said: "Judge Eicher's friends will find consolation for his death in the knowledge that it may have spared him an ignominious place in legal history.

"The trial over which he was presiding was, by its very nature, a monument of injustice, which could have been scarcely less conspicuous if, in the end, he had directed a verdict for the defendants."

Senator Langer, brilliant Republican senator from North Dakota, said Eicher's death MEANT THE END OF THE TRIAL. He declared the trial demonstrated the **"folly of attempting to try 30 individuals from nearly 30 different States at the same time in a jurisdiction admittedly foreign to all 30."** Senator Langer had condemned the trial in the Senate Sept. 8th.

Of the thirty papers and press associations represented at the opening of the trial April 17th, only two were present at the end—Carter Brook Jones of the Washington Evening Star and Miss Ann Hicks, attractive and talented staff writer for the United Press.

CHATS WITH GLADYS

"Honi Soit Qui Mal Y Pense"

(Continued from last week)

We were sitting in the kitchen where Gladys had decked out her little table for my supper. "It's just like coming back from another world", said she. "I forgot all about supper, you poor man. You must be starved."

"Just talking to you does me good. My weariness has left me. Now you can put the bread to toast. But you need not stop visiting with me. We can talk while attending to these little chores. . . .Watch out, the toast is burning... Now that's enough for me, don't make any more.. Yum, yum, but the soup tastes good".

"Thanks to Campbell!"

"You monkey!—don't you realize that surroundings, atmosphere and company change or improve the taste of food?"

"You ARE a dear, I wish I could give you something else besides soup," and suiting the action to her words she implanted a kiss on my cheek while brushing by in a beeline for the tea on the stove.

"Ha, that was in the nick of time. . . . "

"Yes, talking with you let's things get away from me. The tea almost boiled over. . . .

"You know, Gladys, some people have everything perfect, never burn the toast, never spill any soup, everything just so, till you feel uncomfortable in their company lest you offend against the rules. I like you much better. No matter what you do or say, it's natural, it's you. Good, bad or indifferent; but it's YOU, not calculated and measured out, just so. I much prefer your spontaneity, even your foolishness and awkwardness, at times, when you are afraid of offending, when in some things you consider me too far above the ordinary level of mortals. You are a real live girl."

"And that's why I like you, too. You never keep me guessing what you want, you speak out unceremoniously and it puts me at ease. Shall we go now in the parlor? I'll put the things away here and you take off your shoes and stretch out on the couch I'll be with you in a jiffy".

Having settled myself comfortably, at home, it speaks well when one dozes off in an instant, for that's what happened as fast as I touched the soft pillow. I could not have dozed long, but those few moments, or minutes, took away the last sense of tiredness I had. When I opened my eyes there sat Gladys, perched at my feet, smiling down. "You certainly hit the hay fast," said she. "I wish I could go to sleep that way."

"I don't always, but with you I am able to relax instantly, because I feel safe from criticism and displeasure, that's what does it".

And patting my feet, "you know Kosti, a woman's preogative is to treat all men like little boys. I guess it's the mothering instinct in us. And with you I run the whole gamut in an evening. One moment you are a wise old man, and I breathe in awe of you because of the wonderful things you bring out, the next moment you are nothing but a helpless, tired little boy who needs a mother to look after him. And again when you hold me in your arms, at times a power streams out to me, I can imagine the ecstacies in store for the woman who is to be your mate, if each of us has a mate here on earth".

"Aren't we humans a peculiar lot? So many extremes, varieties and contradictions. One moment 'Himmelhoch jauchzend' the next 'zu Tode betruebt'. Little boy one instant and wise old man the next. And that's what I notice about you, too. One moment you are my daughter, the next my mother, and really, I like it. Life IS rich."

"Tell me, Kosti, has it ever occured to you how easily your enemies in public life could have killed you? I understand it cost only $50 in New York to bump a guy off, as they call it."

"I don't expect to be bumped off, at least not before my time has come. I don't care which way I make my exit, but not till the right cue is sounded. I have a job to do and nothing can stop me from doing it."

"But, suppose, they DID kill you?"

"They'd be in a hell of a fix then because I never give up. Once a task is assigned to me I am worse than the dog who keeps guard over his master's grave. Not even death can stop me. You know I would be free then to haunt those who instigated my forced departure and things would happen to them so fast, it really would spell their end."

"You sound awfully spooky. Are you serious about it?"

"Child, I never was more serious in my life. This is not child's play what I am doing here. I have chosen the task of bringing out the truth, come hell and high water, and the whole universe conspires with me to help me. I am only one man, but infinite LAW & Principle guarantee my eventual success. The measure lies in the ability I develop to resist corruption by fear, greed, pride or confusion by sophistry. I really must know the truth. Any mistake I make spells doom for me. And in this great confusion of sentiments and action now going on, I have to learn to hold to the fine gossamer thread of truth and dare to report to my readers the things I see. It's a terrific strain, but I am still alive."

"And, really, Kosti, that IS the miracle of it. But I like to speculate on the spooky side, too. Suppose they killed you...?

(To be continued)

The Olympian Society, Inc.

Mt. Olympus, Temecula, California

Mountain of God, Nov. 30th, 1944

My Dear Editor of "THE BROOM":

How true it is that we live one day at a time but ever on the alert to side track the devil and his schemes. You saw the article in the front of the second section of the Los Angeles Times of this A. M. "Wife's Absence Blamed on Prophecy of Doom".

Now the "Times" has taken the "Smear Road" to fight the "Order of Melchisedec" well, we shall see who's the "big bad wolf" before this is through.

I have made every straight forward endeavour I know to get the Times to really investigate what we are doing here before they write anything, the last appeal was when Chas. Chandler passed over and came to me to try again to awaken his paper.

And August 23rd 1944 I wrote the Mgr. Editor of the L. A. Times and among other things I said "I do trust that the day is not far off when you will investigate, or have some one else with God given intelligence and horse sense investigate our functioning on the Mountain of God for the Age now dawning."

They would not print anything from here, nor would they accept my offer to assist them to find out the truth of our Teaching as to The Brotherhood of Man. But they waited until they found the spewings over of a very sick man in the hands of a lawyer that knows nothing about our work except from those who are the innocent tools by which the L. A. Times gets its news to strike at the Head of the Order of Melchisedec on earth.

As to tidal waves on the coasts, many, many have had my writings on such matters. There are Scientists who say the same thing but they put them a long way ahead, whereas, I say they are due. It is a lie to say that I told Mrs. Peterson to sell her bonds, she sold them to pay the debt off their home, but not a cent came to me or the Mt. from cashing them. Even the children's names and ages as given are not correct.

And every step any of them took in coming here was of their own volition, as Elijah knows the law, above and below, too well, to interfere with a person's free will and especially when coming with the Work in which Jesus the Christ is the Way-Shower, literally.

The last paragraph is a lie as I am sure you would know as "tantrums" are not a part of my functioning, and the "Allied military Leaders" had no better friend on Earth than this same Elijah. As to the political Leaders I exercise the rights of my Citizenship in accord with our Constitution, with no apologies to anyone.

If telling the people that this is the end of an age and the great settling day to balance the ledger for this Earth, is a "Prophecy of Doom", well I am sure making that plain. But, the cleansing is necessary before we can have Peace in the Brotherhood of Man, so I say prepare to meet your God to all Humanity on this Planet.

You are the first one in my presence to get the correct interpretation on "Unconditional Surrender" in its meaning as we of the Great White Lodge use it.

I was happy that you got a word in your paper about here with the Times article quoted again, before the Times got out its today's smear, it clicked just right as to time and what you said.

Yes, I am a Son of God, and know it, and so are you. The Sonship in Mastership is simply the least to the greatest degree of Mastership that you work at one with the Will of the Father knowingly and understandingly, but from the least to the greatest degree of Mastership we are finite, and **walk by FAITH.**

Blessings of the Order of Melchisedec on thee and thine and what thou wilt do that is pleasing to the God of thy soul is pleasing to me.

EVERETT H. LEA, (Elijiah)

18-Year-Olds Sent By U. S. To Front

WASHINGTON,—Eighteen-year-old soldiers are now being sent to the battle fronts because of "urgent military requirements," the Army disclosed.

Undersecretary of War Patterson said at a news conference that the Army has departed from its policy of not sending men under 19 years overseas for infantry or armored duty. He gave these reasons:

The tempo of operations has been stepped up greatly.

The bulk of the army is in action, and accordingly, the need for replacements has increased.

The supply of replacements from the pool of men 19 and over has decreased because the percentage of inductees in that age group has fallen off.

474,898 CASUALTIES

His discussion of the use of 18-year-olds came shortly after he had reported in a weekly war review that United States Army casualties since Pearl Harbor now total 474,898.

JAP RETURNS TO COAST AFTER COURT DECISION

LOS ANGELES,—Tadayuki Todah, **54, veteran** of World War I, and a naturalized American citizen, was back in his home town with army approval, apparently the first Japanese to return to the Pacific coast through court action.

Todah, who spent three years in the Poston, Ariz., relocation center, had operated a cafe near the city hall for many years and said he was looking around for a new location to begin work again.

PRIESTS SAY MASS DRESSED IN KHAKI

NEW YORK,—Roman Catholic chaplains in combat areas are wearing khaki while saying mass for the first time in the history of that church, the Rt. Rev. Msgr. James H. Griffiths, chancellor of the military ordinariate, announced.

Permission to substitute khaki for the brilliantly colored vestments, Msgr. Griffiths said, was obtained personally from the Holy See by Archbishop Francis J. Spellman.

WHY NOT THE TOP MAN?

KEOKUK, Ia.,—David Lawrence made the brilliant suggestion last week that Roosevelt, on account of his health, send Truman to negotiate with Stalin and Churchill. Why not send Pendergast? He would be more capable. E. CARROLL TAGER, in The Chicago Tribune.

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Willie— Teacher, how can I know when I am naughty?

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Willie— Will it tell you?

CURIOSITY

Boss— What do you want here? I fired you last week!

Office boy—Yes, I know. I just came back to see if you were still in business.

MYRON C. TAYLOR TO GIVE POPE VILLA

VATICAN CITY,—Myron C. Taylor, President Roosevelt's personal emissary to Pope Pius XII, will present the Pontiff with the Villa L'Abadia near Florence as a Christmas gift.

Dear Kosti:

You are doing a wonderful work as you travel through this life. Enclosed a couple of drops to help fill your bucket—and may success crown your efforts.

With all good thoughts and blessings,

Sincerely,— E. C.

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